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SUBJECT: TEACHER'S STRIKE PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL

1. THE NATIONAL TEACHERS' UNION (SUTEP) ACHIEVED PARTIAL SUCCESS IN THE FIRST DAY (MAY 8) OF ITS INDEFINITE STRIKE FOR 100 PERCENT SALARY INCREASES AND THE REHIRING OF ABOUT 140 TEACHERS FIRED FOR PAST STRIKE ACTIVIITES. A GOP OFFICIAL TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT THE STRIKE WAS ESTIMATED TO HAVE GAINST 40 PERCENT SUPPORT IN THE LIMA/CALLAO AREA BUT TO HAVE VARIED WIDELY IN THE AMOUNT OF SUPPORT GAINED OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL (FROM 5 TO 90 PERCETN). UNOFFICIAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT CONSIDERABLY MORE SUPPORT DEVELOPED FOR THE STRIKE THE SECOND DAY (MAY 9) IN TRUJILLO, HUANACO, CUZCO, HUANCAYO, AREQUIPA AND CHIMBOTE. A DEMONSTRATION IN THE LATTER TOWN ATTRACTED NONTEACHER PARTICIPATION, INCLUDING HUNDREDS OF WORKERS FIRED FROM PICSA BOAT BUILDING PLANT AND ALLEGEDLY RESULTE
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IN SOME VIOLENCE.

2. THE MOSCOW LINE TEACHER'S GROUP FENTEP ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH THE PROTEST OVER LOW WAGES BUT CALLED ROA 48 HOUR STOPPAGE (MAY 8 AND 9) VICE THE INDEFINITE STRIKE CALLED FOR BY SUTEP. APPARENTLY MANY TEACHERS ENDORSED FENTEP'S TWO DAY
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STRIKE CALL AND OBSERVERS EXPECT THAT MOST TEACHERS WILL RETURN TO WORK MAY 10. HOWEVER, THE MOMENTUM THE STRIKE GAINED MAY 9 MAY INFLUENCE SOME STRIKERS TO CONTINUE THROUGH THIS WEEK.

3. THE GOP MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REPORTEDLY DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PLAN TO NEGOTIATE WITH SUTEP, WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN LEGALLY RECOGNIZED, AND INSTEAD ANNOUNCED MAY 8 THAT SCHOOLS WOULD

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FUNCTION NORMALLY AND THAT TEACHERS WOULD BE DOCKED IN PAY
FOR MISSING COURSES. THE MINISTRY ALSO APPEALED TO TEACHERS'
SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO AVOID INTERRUPTING THE EDUCATIONA
PROCESS.
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